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- 1. FMG'S PLANNING OF KADUNA DURBAR ACTIVITIES SLOWLY JELLING.
 MEA PROTOCOL DIRECTOR AMBASSADOR BALEWA INFORMED ME THIS MORNING
 THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND SOMEOF HIS PARTY WOULD BE INVITED BY
 HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO TO LUNCH IN KADUNA FEBRUARY 8 FOLLOWING
 THE DURBAR DISPLAY AT WHICH ALL GUESTS SHOULD BE SEATED BY 8:30 A.M.
 EVENING ACTIVITIES FEBRUARY 8 INCLUDE HEAD OF STATE'S RECEPTION
 FOR EMIRS AND CHIEFS. BALEWA SAID AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S
 PARTICIPATION "WOULD BE WELL VIEWED" BY FMG. I RECOMMEND AMBASSADOR
 YOUNG'S ATTENDANCE.
- $2.\ FMG$ HAS PROVIDED SMALL JET AIRCRAFT HAWKER-SIDLY 125 SEATING EIGHT OR NINE PASSENGERS, FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S USE FROM LAGOS CONFIDENTIAL

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TO KADUNA. TENTATIVE DEPARTURE FROM LAGOS AIRPORT 6:30 A.M. FEBRUARY 8. FLIGHT TIME TO KADUNA ONE HOUR TWENTY MINUTES. PLANE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EMBASSY USE FOR RETURN TO LAGOS FEBRUARY 9.

3. LIST OF HEADS OF STATE EXPECTED IN KADUNA STILL HIGHLY SPECULATIVE. ONLY FIRM COMMITMENTS APPEAR TO BE FROM MOBUTU,

AHIDJO, AND KOUNTCHE. IN SPITE OF WHAT VOLTAN CHARGE TOLD ME TWO NIGHTS AGO, BALEWA SAYS LAMIZANA HAS NOT CONFIRMED HIS ATTENDANCE.

4. I ASKED AGAIN ABOUT NETO AND AMIN. ALTHOUGH GARBA TOLD ME SEVERAL DAYS AGO THAT NETO WOULD BE HERE FOR THE DURBAR, BALEWA SAYS THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION THAT HE WILL COME. THERE IS SIMILARLY NO WORD FROM AMIN. BALEWA SAID FMG WAS WELL AWARE OF POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT SHOULD AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND AMIN MEET. HE SAID "FMG DOESN"T WANT THAT AND WILL TRY TO AVOID IT IF AMIN IN FACT ARRIVES."

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